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(MUZZLING)

WASHINGTON--FORMER MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER TODAY QUESTIONED SECRETARY RUSK'S DEDICATION TO THE NATION'S INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY.

ATTACKING WHAT HE CALLED A HIDDEN "SOFT LINE" POLICY ON COMMUNISM, WALKER ALSO WAS CRITICAL OF WALT W. ROSTOW, HEAD OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY PLANNING STAFF.

HE SAID ROSTOW HAD BEEN CONTROLLING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S "OPERATING ARM" SINCE 1954.

WALKER, CURRENTLY CAMPAIGNING FOR THE DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN IN TEXAS, WAS QUESTIONED BY SEN. E.L.(BOB) BARTLETT, D-ALASKA, SHORTLY AFTER HE BEGAN HIS SECOND DAY OF TESTIMONY BEFORE A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE STUDYING ALLEGED MILITARY MUZZLING.

BARTLETT ASKED WALKER WHAT HE MEANT YESTERDAY WHEN HE COMPLAINED THAT "THE REAL CONTROL APPARATUS WILL NOT TOLERATE MILITANT ANTI-COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP BY A DIVISION COMMANDER."

WALKER, WHO RESIGNED FROM THE ARMY AFTER BEING REMOVED AS COMMANDER OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY, TOLD BARTLETT HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THOSE IN "COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE APPARATUS."

HE SAID THE APPARATUS COULD BE IDENTIFIED, HOWEVER, "BY ITS EFFECTS--WHAT IT DID IN CUBA--WHAT IT IS DOING IN THE CONGO--WHAT IT DID IN KOREA."

WALKER TESTIFIED, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NAME SOME OF THOSE WHO SEEMED TO THINK ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THOSE IN THE APPARATUS WHO, HE SAID, SELL OUT THE CONSTITUTION, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

"I QUESTION THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WITH RESPECT TO OUR CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM, OUR SOVEREIGNTY, OUR SECURITY AND OUR INDEPENDENCE," WALKER SAID.

WALKER THEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD RUSK SERVED ON THE STAFF OF GEN. JOSEPH (VENEGAR JOE) STILLWELL IN CHINA IN THE 1940'S DURING WHAT WALKER CALLED "THE AGRARIAN REFORMER HIGHLIGHTS." HE SAID RUSK WAS A MEMBER OF SUPPORTER OF THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATION.

WALKER COMMENTED THAT THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN INQUIRY BY THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE.

ASKED BY BARTLETT TO NAME OTHERS, WALKER REPLIED: "WALTER ROSTOW, WHO HAS BEEN IN CONTROL OF THE OPERATING ARM OF CIA, I BELIEVE, SINCE 1954."

ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL NAMES, WALKER SAID HE THOUGHT THE CITING OF THE TWO "WILL COVER ALL THE OTHERS--NOT ALL, BUT ENOUGH OF THE OTHERS."